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SUBJECT: USG VIEWS ON ILO REFORM

REF: CALLAGHAN-KISSINGER CONVERSATION IN BRUSSELS

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN:
"I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE MATTER OF ILO REFORM WHICH YOU
MENTIONED DURING OUR CONVERSATION IN BRUSSELS. THE
PRESIDENT HAS APPOINTED A CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE TO FOCUS
HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION ON OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE ILO. THE
COMMITTEE MET DECEMBER 11, AND ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP
WHICH IS NOW PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF
THE COMMITTEE WHEN IT NEXT MEETS IN MID-JANUARY. I EXPECT
THAT AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING, USG PRIORITIES WILL BE
ESTABLISHED AND WE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION BY LATE JANUARY
TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN DETAIL THE REFORMS WE SEEK. I CAN
ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ON
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THIS ISSUE, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. WORKERS AND U.S.

EMPLOYERS PLAN TO BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH WORKERS AND
EMPLOYERS ABROAD AS WELL.

2. I TRUST THAT OUR DELEGATIONS WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER
IN FORTHCOMING ILO MEETINGS TO SHARE IDEAS AND DISCUSS
VARIOUS APPROACHES AS WE GO THROUGH THIS CRITICAL TWO-
YEAR PERIOD." KISSINGER

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